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New Jersey Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary New Jersey Third in Blueberry Acreage, Second in Fresh Production New Jersey Third in Cranberry Acreage and Production, Second in Yield per Acre

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary, according to Bruce Eklund, State Statistician, New Jersey Field Office. The latest survey included the following commodities:

Apple utilized production is estimated at 36 million pounds, up 26 percent from 2013. The average yield in New Jersey is estimated at 21,800 pounds per acre, 4,700 pounds above the 2013 average yield of 17,100 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,700 acres, unchanged from last year. The value of utilized production, benefiting also from higher prices, totaled 30.5 million dollars, up 137 percent from 2013.

Blueberry area harvested is estimated at 9,300 acres, up 7 percent from the previous year, and third highest in the US. Utilized production is estimated at 55.6 million pounds, up 16 percent from 2013. Fresh utilized production, at 49.8 million pounds, is second nationally. The average yield is estimated at 5,980 pounds, up 530 pounds from 2013. The value of utilized production totaled 77.8 million dollars, up 37 percent from 2013.

Cranberry utilized production is estimated at 614 thousand barrels, up 13 percent from 2013. The average yield is estimated at a record 204.7 barrels, up 23.9 barrels from 2013. Area harvested is estimated at 3,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. New Jersey is ranked third in the nation in production and acres of cranberries. New Jersey ranked second in average barrels per acre. This is the second highest utilized production on record and the highest since 1999. The value of utilized production totaled 22.7 million dollars, up 11 percent from 2013.

Peach utilized production is estimated at 21 thousand tons, up 17 percent from 2013. The yield per acre is estimated at 4.88 tons, up 0.85 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 4,600 acres, up 100 acres from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 27.9 million dollars.

The Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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